GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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SALARY AND FACILITIES FOR ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the salaries and other facilities being provided to the Armed Forces personnel deployed at the borders in the adverse conditions are inadequate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether frustration is prevailing among soldiers for working in adverse conditions and having meager facilities;

(d) if so, the steps taken to enhance their salary and provide better facilities;

(e) whether the Government proposes to constitute a separate Commission to look into the pay structure of Armed Forces; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2023 FOR ANSWER ON 27.8.2007

Pay, allowances and other benefits are granted to the Armed Forces personnel as per Government orders issued from time to time. These are also examined by the Pay Commissions set up by the Government. Improvement of service conditions, pay and allowances of Defence Services personnel is a continuous exercise. Recently, the Government has announced following additional facilities and allowances for Defence Service personnel:

(i) Grant of additional rail warrant to go home or Selected Place of Residence of family to all ranks of Armed Forces serving in field/counter insurgency/counter terrorist operational areas.

(ii) Rationalisation of scheme for LTC for both Officers and Personnel Below Officer Rank and removal of restriction of 1450 kms for availing All India LTC.

(iii) Grant of High Altitude (Uncongenial Climate) Allowance at enhanced rates to troops deployed in more difficult, hazardous and isolated areas within the existing High Altitude (Uncongenial Climate) Areas.

Government has set up 6th Central Pay Commission to go into the question of pay and allowances and service conditions etc. of Central Government employees including those serving in the Armed Forces. The three Services have presented a joint memorandum to the Pay Commission suggesting revision of pay and allowances and other conditions. The matter has also been discussed with the Pay Commission by the three Service Chiefs and officers in the Ministry of Defence.